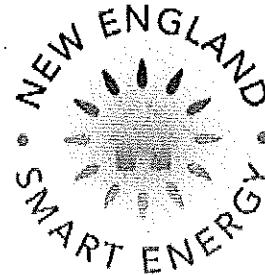


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From: stephaniew@ne-smartenergy.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 9:12 AM
To: hesprogram@ne-smartenergy.com
Subject: Today is an Important Day for CT Energy Policy - Please read my letter!

Dear member of the Energy and Technology Committee -



I am unable to attend today's hearing but hope that my voice will be heard.

My company, which is located in Fairfield County (where almost 80% of our customers own oil heated homes) would have to layoff over half of our employees if the \$500K oil cap is not removed. When this happened last May (we were given quotas for oil heated home, our company was forced to lay-off 7 people – and many of those left only had part time work.

Not only is this "Cap" on oil crippling to my company and it's consequences tragic for my employees who have mouths to feed at home, but it greatly effects our state as a whole; ruining Connecticut's reputation as an energy efficiency leader, increasing our unemployment, increasing our energy use and adding to our pollutants while at the same time sabotaging all the progress we have made in building a strong, smart and flexible Green Work Force.

It will be hard to tell our oil customers when they call that, "we are sorry, but oil homes are not funding by the program", (though they account for 30% of the electric savings) and they can not take advantage of our wonderful service that helps them save money year after year, educates them about health and safety issues in their home and advises them on further energy savings measures they should be doing (along with offering them money saving rebates and low cost financing that enable them to do deeper energy efficient upgrades to their home).

Now 80% of our customers and a great portion of the state will have to be told, "no".

I hope that every one will do the right thing as history is watching us. The fight for clean air and climate change has just begun...

I thank you your time.

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Most sincerely,

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